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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated June 29, 2007, setting forth a shortened period for response ending Monday, October 1, 2007. Reconsideration of Applicants claims is requested. Any additional fees required in connection with this response may be taken from Merck Deposit Account number 13-2755. Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 8 of this paper.

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